

Today is Easter Sunday, Feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings of the Day:

Acts 1:15-26. Mk 16:2-8.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 16, vs. 2-8 and will be read by Ann Danielson.

From Today's Bible Reading

Mark 16:2-8 Early on Sunday, Mary Magdalene, Mary (James' mother), and Salome are on their way to Jesus' tomb with spices to anoint his body. They debate whether they would be able to move the heavy stone that sealed the tomb. (What a tender, human moment!) To their surprise, the stone had been rolled away and an angelic figure sits inside the tomb, proclaiming Jesus' Resurrection. They were to tell the disciples and seek the Lord in Galilee. *Reflection: These women had been with Jesus even at His crucifixion (when all but one of the disciples had abandoned Him), among many other women who had "followed Him and cared for His needs." (Mark 15: 40-41) What does this tell you about the faith of these women? What does this, joined with all the other Gospel stories featuring women, tell us about their role then and now as Christian witnesses? How would you rate yourself as someone who "follows and cares"?*

Acts 1:15-26 Having encountered Jesus after His Crucifixion and witnessed His Ascension, Peter is addressing the believers, sharing the grim details of Judas' death. He then declares that a new apostle is needed to replace the betrayer and outlines his qualifications. *Reflection: Read vv 21-22 closely. What should qualify this new apostle? (that He had been with the Lord the entire time, day in and out, and that he would be able to witness to His Resurrection) How does translate to our discipleship today?*

John 20:1-18 (Matins/Vespers Gospel) The disciples had gone, but Mary Magdalene is still grieving over her beloved Lord's tomb. Two angels ask her why she is crying and when she responds that she does not know where her Lord's body is, she is suddenly surprised by someone she mistakenly thinks is the gardener. It is Jesus, yet only when He calls her by name does she know Him. 'Teacher!' she answers ecstatically. He asks her to tell the disciples about their meeting; she runs to them with the words "I have seen the Lord!" *Reflection: Mary meets the risen Lord and thinks he is the gardener. What famous garden is featured in Genesis 1,2, and 3? In what garden did Jesus sweat so profusely in prayer that they were described as drops of blood? How has Creation come full circle in the risen Lord? Had you been Mary, what would you have said, asked or done?*

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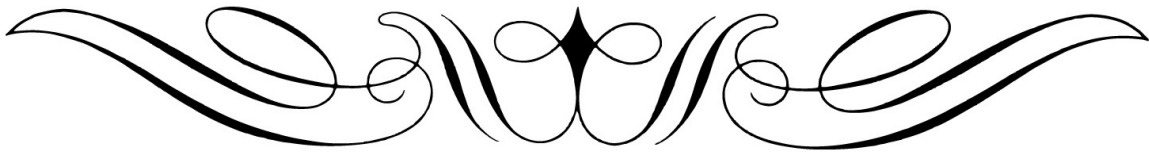
REQUIRED

Holy Trinity Divine Liturgy Reservation Form

The Governor has revised social distancing guidelines, calling for a maximum 40% capacity in houses of worship. Although this expands our ability to seat the faithful, we want to ensure your comfort and safety during Badarak.

Attendance will continue to be by reservation only.

To make a reservation, please register online or contact the Church Office at 617.354.0632 by Friday at noon.



Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested to have mercy on our countrymen in Artsakh, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving. Your prayers are also requested for Rose Tikijian; for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way; and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

Please note that if you would like Father Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that have been removed from the pews when the pandemic restrictions began, and are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).

Please contact the church office with any questions.

Requests submitted after noon on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken on Sunday.

PLATE COLLECTIONS

There will be two plate collections today; the first is for your regular offering and the second is for your Easter offering (Youghakin).



EASTER OFFERING - YOUGHAKIN

In the early centuries, the Armenian Church had no annual budget to meet the expenses of parish Churches and monastic communities. The faithful of each parish contributed for the welfare of the work of the Christian community, caring for the needy, promoting the work of Christian education and worship, etc. At certain times of the year, additional contributions were offered to the parish Church to assure that the sanctuary lanterns, at that time fueled by oil, would remain continuously aflame. Thus, a special category of donations was created and called Youghakin which means “the cost of oil.”

These were collected during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

As inheritors of this pious tradition, we have maintained this special offering in all Diocesan Churches in the Western Hemisphere.

Aside from your annual parish stewardship and membership donation, this special gift is sought during these holy days to meet the additional expenses needed to effectively carry out the mission of our parish; namely, worship, witness, education, service, and fellowship.

DON'T FORGET! *ACYOA Easter Plant Sale – 12:15-1:30 p.m.*
on Hollisian Plaza immediately following Easter Church Services

All potted plants - \$10

6 Inch Tulips - Easter Lily - Hyacinth

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

*There are five Holy Trinity Armenian Church Scholarships
available for the 2021-2022 academic year from:*

**The Gregory Archie and Rose Kolligian Scholarship Fund;
The Hollisian Family Scholarship Fund;
The Gertrude Nahigian Scholarship Fund;
The Alice Ohanasian Scholarship Fund;
and The Major Robert Z. Zartarian Scholarship Fund.**

For further information or an application, please call the church office, 617.354.0632, or email office@htaac.org. Complete application with all required documentation must be received by Monday, May 3 for each scholarship requested. There will be no follow up on any outstanding materials due. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to insure that all required documentation is received by the deadline. If incomplete, application will not be considered.

HAI GUIN SCHOLARSHIPS are being offered to students of Armenian Heritage living in Massachusetts who have completed one year of college. Scholarships are for \$2,000 each.

The deadline for submitting applications is October 25, 2021. For all applications, write to:

Barbara Ann Surabian
Scholarship Chairperson
Hai Guin Scholarship Association
4 Fieldstone Drive
Stoneham, MA 02180

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Behind the Soldier – A Photo Journal of the War over Nagorno Karabagh

"Behind the Soldier"

Join Holy Trinity in welcoming Arlington-based, documentary photographer, **Winslow Martin**.

Words and pictures chronicle what he witnessed in Armenia during the 44 day war with Azerbaijan.

His photos of volunteers, soldiers going and coming from war, refugees, families of soldiers, funerals, and demonstrations, combined with his commentary, tell a compelling story about Armenia and the realities of life during the war.



Join us virtually Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 pm

Register to attend via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsfu2pqjkrHdEshO6NqDxrnGOifdnIJ6YZ>

(Please register by Thursday, April 22 at 4pm)

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston- Rev. Fr. Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
145 Brattle Street Cambridge MA, 02138- 617.354.0632- office@htaac.org

First Wednesdays are back, April 14, 6:45pm- 7:30pm.

Christ the Healer: When We Feel Like Giving Up.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

A BREATH OF GOD

First Wednesday of Every Month • Johnson Hall or virtually via Zoom • 6:45pm - 7:30pm

Throughout the day, life hands us questions for which we seek answers. Each month, we discuss one of these life questions through the lens of our Christian Faith.

Below are the topics for this year.
We warmly welcome you to join our series of conversations.

October 7, 2020

What Does Hope Look Like in an Uncertain World.

February 3, 2021

Christ the Healer: When We Feel Forgotten & Lost

November 4, 2020

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: An Honest Discussion About Race

March 3, 2021

Christ the Healer: Pride, Envy, Anger, Sloth...

***December 9, 2020**

What's Armenian About Christmas?
*2nd Wednesday

***April 14, 2021**

Christ the Healer: When We Feel Like Giving Up
*2nd Wednesday

January 13, 2021

Christ the Healer: Blessing Water

May 5, 2021

Christ the Healer: Living For The Other

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